MARCONI MOURNED BY ENTIRE WORLD

Body Lies in State in Royal Academy in Rome—50,000 Pay Tributes to Inventor

FUNERAL CEREMONY TODAY

Important Radio Experiments on the Yacht Elettra Were Halted by Death

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ROME, July 20.—Marquis Guglielmo Marconi died of a heart attack at 3:45 this morning, after an illness of only a few hours. He was 63.

[Marquis Marconi's death was reported in the last edition of THE NEW YORK TIMES yesterday.]

One of his last acts before he became ill was to send a telegram to his youngest daughter, Elettra, whose eighth birthday was today. He seemed to have had a premonition that his end was approaching because he wept after his wife and daughter left by train for a seaside resort.

Tears were in his eyes when he re-entered his automobile, and he tried to explain this to his chauffeur.

"How silly we become when we grow old—just like children," he said.

Told Pope of His Fears

Last Saturday, when received in a private audience by Pope Pius, he asked for a special blessing, saying he felt that he did not have much longer to live.

This afternoon Marconi's body, clothed in his uniform as president of the Royal Italian Academy, was placed in a temporary coffin and taken, with simple ceremony, to the Villa Farnesina, the seat of the academy. Here it was exposed in the central hall, a magnificent room, with walls frescoed by Raphael.

The coffin was placed on a catafalque, at the corner of which stood an honor guard of four cadets of the Fascist Academy of Physical Culture. Thousands filed past the body, which was soon covered with flowers.

The body will remain exposed to the public until 6 P. M. tomorrow, when it will be carried with great pomp to the royal Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where it will lie in state for two days more. The funeral will be held at the State's expense at Marconi's birthplace, La Rochetta, near Bologna. Burial will be in the local cemetery.

The first announcements of Marconi's death were given by the flag over the entrance to his house, which was placed at half staff and by the street door, one leaf of which was closed, according to the Italian custom. Shortly thereafter half-staffed flags appeared on every house in the street and all shops closed their shutters.

Mussolini Views Body

The first person to visit the body was Premier Benito Mussolini, who called at 8:30 this morning and remained for fifteen minutes. Later the crowd of officials and notables calling at the Marconi home grew so great that the police guard had to be reinforced to handle the crowds and traffic.

King Victor Emmanuel, Queen Elena, Pope Pius and Mussolini had been informed late last night that Marconi was seriously ill and all remained in almost constant touch by telephone with his home. The Pope, who was bound to the scientist by a warm personal friendship, went personally to the telephone just before retiring at midnight and put in a call to Marconi's house.

Marconi at that time was already in such a serious condition that he was unable to answer the call, so the Pope limited himself to asking for news from one of the secretaries. At 2:30 this morning the

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